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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fifteenth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17, will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 18 November to 6 December 1996. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 18 November 1996 at 10.30 a.m.

2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the fifteenth session of the Committee have been prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Committee.

3. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its fifteenth session.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Organization of work.

3. Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

4. Consideration of reports:

   (a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 16 of the Covenant;

   (b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant.

5. Submission of reports by State parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant.

6. General discussion: "Draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights".

7. Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies.

8. Formulation of suggestions and recommendations of a general nature based on the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies.

9. Adoption of the report.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 5 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of its officers when required under rule 14. In accordance with rule 6 the Committee, during a session, may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, delete or defer items.

2. Organization of work

In accordance with rule 8 of its rules of procedure, at the beginning of each session, the Committee shall consider appropriate organizational matters, including the schedule of its meetings. In this connection, the attention of the members of the Committee is drawn to the draft programme of work for the session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee and in accordance with established practice (E/C.12/1996/L.2).

3. Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Committee decided at its fourteenth session (28 April-17 May 1996) that as from its fifteenth session its discussions relating to the implementation of the Covenant (NGOs' hearings, methods of work, etc.) would be conducted under this agenda item.

4. Consideration of reports

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 61, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall normally consider the reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Covenant in the order in which they have been received by the Secretary-General. Representatives of the reporting States are entitled to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined; such representatives should be able to make statements on the reports submitted by their Governments and reply to questions which may be put to them by the members of the Committee.

At its fourteenth session, the Committee requested the Secretary-General to schedule five reports from five States parties for consideration at its fifteenth session. The Committee also decided to conduct at its fifteenth session a review of the implementation of the provisions of the Covenant in Honduras, which has not submitted any report since ratifying the Covenant in 1981, on the basis of any information that may be available to it.

In accordance with rule 62, paragraph 2, of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the opening date and duration of the fifteenth session of the Committee as

well as of the dates at which their respective reports will be examined and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee.

As at 1 August 1996, the reports listed below had been received by the Secretary-General. The reports of the States parties which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fifteenth session are identified by an asterisk. The tentative timetable for consideration of those reports, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, is contained in document E/C.12/1996/L.2.

Initial reports concerning articles 1 to 15 of the Covenant

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	E/1990/5/Add.26
Guyana	E/1990/5/Add.27
Zimbabwe	E/1990/5/Add.28
Peru	E/1990/5/Add.29
Azerbaijan	E/1990/5/Add.30
Nigeria	E/1990/5/Add.31
Sri Lanka	E/1990/5/Add.32
Switzerland	E/1990/5/Add.33

Second periodic reports concerning articles 1 to 15 of the Covenant

Dominican Republic*	E/1990/6/Add.7 1/
Portugal (Macao)*	E/1990/6/Add.8
Luxembourg	E/1990/6/Add.9
Uruguay	E/1990/6/Add.10
Netherlands	E/1990/6/Add.11, 12, 13

Third periodic reports concerning articles 1 to 15 of the Covenant

Belarus	E/1994/104/Add.6
Finland*	E/1994/104/Add.7
Russian Federation	E/1994/104/Add.8
Iraq	E/1994/104/Add.9
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Hong Kong*	E/1994/104/Add.10
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	E/1994/104/Add.11
Cyprus	E/1994/104/Add.12
Poland	E/1994/104/Add.13
Germany	E/1994/104/Add.14

1/ At the request of the Government of the Dominican Republic (note verbale DOI 666 dated 11 January 1996), consideration of the second periodic report of that State party was postponed to the Committee's fifteenth session (18 November - 6 December 1996).

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 67 of its rules of procedure, the Committee is entrusted with the task of considering the reports submitted by specialized agencies pursuant to article 18 of the Covenant.

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the specialized agencies concerned may make statements on matters falling within the scope of the activities of their respective organization in the course of the discussion by the Committee of the report of each State party to the Covenant. The representatives of the States parties presenting reports to the Committee shall be free to respond to, or take into account, the statements made by the specialized agencies. The Secretary-General has invited the following specialized agencies, UN organs and financial institutions to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee: International Labour Organization (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/Aids (UNAIDS), International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank.

Any report which may be received from the specialized agencies under article 18 of the Covenant will be made available to the Committee in due course.

5. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 59, paragraph 1, of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall at each session consider the status of submission of reports under article 16 of the Covenant and may make appropriate recommendations to the Council, including recommendations to the effect that the Secretary-General should send reminders to States parties from which reports have not been received.

The Committee will have before it under this item the following documents:

(a) Revised schedule for the submission of reports by States parties under articles 16 and 17 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/C.12/1990/5);

(b) A note by the Secretary-General on the States parties to the Covenant and the status of submission of reports (E/C.12/1996/2).

6. General discussion: "Draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights"

At its fourteenth session, the Committee decided that Monday, 4 December 1996 would be a day of general discussion devoted to the Draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. In this connection, the Committee requested

Mr. Philip Alston to submit a revised report which should provide the basis upon which the Committee could complete its consideration of this matter, with a view to forwarding a final report to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-third session.

7. Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies

The Committee decided at its sixth session to nominate individual members to follow the work of each of the other treaty bodies. Such members are to follow as closely as possible the work of the relevant committees, to liaise where possible with members of these committees and to present an oral report on developments of both a procedural and substantive nature in their work which appeared to be of specific relevance to the work of the Committee (E/1992/23, paras. 371-373).

8. Formulation of suggestions and recommendations of a general nature based on the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies

Pursuant to rule 64 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may wish to make suggestions and recommendations of a general nature on the basis of its consideration of reports submitted by States parties and the reports submitted by specialized agencies, in order to assist the Council to fulfil, in particular, its responsibilities under articles 21 and 22 of the Covenant. The Committee may also wish to make suggestions for consideration by the Council with reference to articles 19, 22 and 23 of the Covenant.

9. Report of the Committee to the Economic and Social Council

In accordance with rule 57 of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall submit to the Council an annual report on its activities, which shall contain, inter alia, the concluding observations of the Committee relating to each State party's report.

The Committee shall also include in its report suggestions and recommendations of a general nature referred to under rule 64 of the rules of procedure of the Committee.

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STATES PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS AND STATUS OF THE SUBMISSION OF REPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROGRAMME ESTABLISHED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN RESOLUTION 1988/4 AND RULE 58 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966 entered into force on 3 January 1976, three months after the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the thirty-fifth instrument of ratification, as provided for in article 27 of the Covenant.

2. As at 1 August 1996, the Covenant had been ratified or acceded to by 133 States. A list of States parties as well as information on the status of the submission of reports by States parties, is to be found in the annex to the present document.

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Annex I

STATES PARTIES TO THE COVENANT AND STATUS OF SUBMISSION OF REPORTS

(as of 1 February 1996)

State party	Date of entry into force	INITIAL REPORTS			SECOND PERIODIC REPORTS		
		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
1. Afghanistan	24 April 1983	E/1990/5/Add.8 (E/C.12/1991/SR.2, 4-6 and 8)			Overdue		
2. Albania	4 January 1992	Overdue					
3. Algeria	12 December 1989	E/1990/5/Add.22 (E/C.12/1995/SR.46, 47, 48)			Overdue		
4. Angola	10 April 1992	Overdue					
5. Argentina	8 November 1986	E/1990/5/Add.18 (E/C.12/1994/SR.31, 32, 35, 36, 37)		E/1988/5/Add.4 E/1988/5/Add.8 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.18-20)	Overdue		
6. Armenia	13 December 1993	Overdue					
7. Australia*	10 March 1976	E/1978/8/Add.15 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.12-13)	E/1980/6/Add.22 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.18)	E/1982/3/Add.9 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.13-14)	E/1984/7/Add.22 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.17, 18 and 21)	E/1986/4/Add.7 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.10, 11, 13 and 14)	E/1990/7/Add.13 (E/C.12/1993/ SR.13, 15 and 20)
8. Austria	10 December 1978	E/1984/6/Add.17 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.3-4)	E/1980/6/Add.19 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.8)	E/1982/3/Add.37 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.3)	E/1990/6/Add.5 (E/C.12/1994/ SR.39-41)	E/1986/4/Add.8 and Corr.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.4 and 7)	E/1990/6/Add.5 (E/C.12/1994/ SR.39-41)
9. Azerbaijan	13 November 1992	Overdue					

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
10. Barbados	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.33 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.3)	E/1980/6/Add.27 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.6-7)	E/1982/3/Add.24 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.14-15)	Overdue		
11. Belarus**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.19 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.16)	E/1980/6/Add.18 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.16)	E/1982/3/Add.3 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.9-10)	E/1984/7/Add.8 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.13-15)	E/1986/4/Add.19 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.10-12)	E/1990/7/Add.5 (E/C.12/1992/ SR.2, 3 and 12)
12. Belgium	21 July 1983	E/1990/5/Add.15 (E/C.12/1994/SR.15-17)			Overdue		
13. Benin	12 June 1992	Overdue					
14. Bolivia	12 November 1982	Overdue					
15. Bosnia and Herzegovina	6 March 1993	Overdue					
16. Brazil	24 April 1992	Overdue					
17. Bulgaria*	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.24 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.12)	E/1980/6/Add.29 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.8)	E/1982/3/Add.23 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.11-13)	E/1984/7/Add.18 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.9 and 11)	E/1986/4/Add.20 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.17-19)	Overdue
18. Burundi	9 August 1990	Overdue					
19. Cambodia	26 August 1992	Overdue					
20. Cameroon	27 September 1984	Overdue	E/1986/3/Add.8 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.6-7)	Overdue			
21. Canada***	19 August 1976	E/1978/8/Add.32 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.1-2)	E/1980/6/Add.32 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.4 and 6)	E/1982/3/Add.34 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.13, 15 and 16)	E/1984/7/Add.28 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.8 and 11)	E/1990/6/Add.3 (E/C.12/1993/SR.6, 7 and 18)	
22. Cape Verde	6 November 1993	Overdue					
23. Central African Republic	8 August 1981	Overdue					
24. Chad	9 September 1995	Due on 30 June 1997					

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
25. Chile*	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.10 and 28 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.8-9)	E/1980/6/Add.4 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.7)	E/1982/3/Add.40 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.12-13 and 16)	E/1984/7/Add.1 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.11-12)	E/1986/4/Add.18 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.12-13 and 16)	Overdue
26. Colombia**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.17 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.15)	E/1986/3/Add.3 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.6 and 9)	E/1982/3/Add.36 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.15, 21 and 22)	E/1984/7/Add.21/ Rev.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.22 and 25)	E/1986/4/Add.25 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.12-14 and 17)	E/1990/7/Add.4 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.17, 18 and 25)
27. Congo	5 January 1984	Overdue					
28. Costa Rica	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.3 (E/C.12/1990/SR.38, 40, 41 and 43)			Overdue		
29. Côte d'Ivoire	26 June 1992	Overdue					
30. Croatia	8 October 1991	Overdue					
31. Cyprus	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.21 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.17)	E/1980/6/Add.3 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.6)	E/1982/3/Add.19 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.7-8)	E/1984/7/Add.13 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.18 and 22)	E/1986/4/Add.2 and 26 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.2, 3 and 5)	
32. Czech Republic	1 January 1993	Overdue					
33. Democratic People's Republic of Korea	14 December 1981	E/1984/6/Add.7 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.21-22)	E/1986/3/Add.5 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.21-22)	E/1988/5/Add.6 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.6, 8 and 10)	Overdue		
34. Denmark*	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.13 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.10)	E/1980/6/Add.15 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.12)	E/1982/3/Add.20 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.8-9)	E/1984/7/Add.11 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.17 and 21)	E/1986/4/Add.16 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.8-9)	Overdue

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		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
35. Dominica	17 September 1993	Overdue					
36. Dominican Republic	4 April 1978	E/1990/5/Add.4 (E/C.12/1990/SR.43-45 and 47)			E/1990/6/Add.7 (Pending consideration)		
37. Ecuador	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.1 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.4-5)	E/1986/3/Add.14 E/1988/5/Add.7 (E/C.12/1990/SR.37-39 and 42)		E/1984/7/Add.12 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.20 and 22)	Overdue	
38. Egypt	14 April 1982	Overdue					
39. El Salvador	29 February 1980	E/1990/5/Add.25 (E/C.12/1996/SR.15,16,18)			Overdue		
40. Equatorial Guinea	25 December 1987	Overdue					
41. Estonia	21 January 1992	Overdue					
42. Ethiopia	11 September 1993	Overdue					
43. Finland**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.14 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.6)	E/1980/6/Add.11 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.10)	E/1982/3/Add.28 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.7-8)	E/1984/7/Add.14 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.17-18)	E/1986/4/Add.4 (E/1986/WG.1 SR.8-9 and 11)	E/1990/7/Add.1 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.11, 12 and 16)
44. France	4 February 1981	E/1984/6/Add.11 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.18-19 and 21)	E/1986/3/Add.10 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.12-13)	E/1982/3/Add.30 and Corr.1 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.5 and 7)	Overdue		
45. Gabon	21 April 1983	Overdue					

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
46. Gambia	29 March 1979	Overdue					
47. Georgia	3 August 1994	Due on 30 June 1996					
48. Germany**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.8 and Corr.1 (E/1980/WG.1/SR.8) E/1978/8/Add.11 (E/1980/WG.1/SR.10)	E/1980/6/Add.6 (E/1981/WG.1/SR.8) E/1980/6/Add.10 (E/1981/WG.1/SR.10)	E/1982/3/Add.15 and Corr.1 (E/1983/WG.1/SR.5-6) E/1982/3/Add.14 (E/1982/WG.1/SR.17-18)	E/1984/7/Add.3 and 23 (E/1985/WG.1/SR.12 and 16) E/1984/7/Add.24 and Corr.1 (E/1986/WG.1/SR.22-23 and 25)	E/1986/4/Add.11 (E/C.12/1987/SR.11, 12 and 14) E/1986/4/Add.10 (E/C.12/1987/SR.19-20)	E/1990/7/Add.12 (E/C.12/1993/SR.35, 36 and 46)
49. Greece	16 August 1985	Overdue					
50. Grenada	6 December 1991	Overdue					
51. Guatemala	19 August 1988	E/1990/5/Add.24 (E/C.12/1996/SR.11-14)			Overdue		
52. Guinea	24 April 1978	Overdue					
53. Guinea-Bissau	2 October 1992	Overdue					
54. Guyana	15 May 1977	E/1990/5/Add.27 (Pending consideration)		E/1982/3/Add.5, 29 and 32 (E/1984/WG.1/SR.20 and 22 and E/1985/WG.1/SR.6)			
55. Honduras	17 May 1981	Overdue					
56. Hungary*	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.7 (E/1980/WG.1/SR.7)	E/1980/6/Add.37 (E/1986/WG.1/SR.6-7 and 9)	E/1982/3/Add.10 (E/1982/WG.1/SR.14)	E/1984/7/Add.15 (E/1984/WG.1/SR.19 and 21)	E/1986/4/Add.1 (E/1986/WG.1/SR.6-7 and 9)	E/1990/7/Add.10 (E/C.12/1992/SR.9, 12 and 21)

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		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
57. Iceland	22 November 1979	E/1990/5/Add.6, (E/C.12/1993/SR.30, 31 and 46) E/1990/5/Add.14			Overdue		
58. India	10 July 1979	E/1984/6/Add.13 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.20 and 24)	E/1980/6/Add.34 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.6 and 8)	E/1988/5/Add.5 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.16-17 and 19)	Overdue		
59. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.9 (E/C.12/1993/SR.7-9 and 20)		E/1982/3/Add.43 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.42, 43 and 45)	Overdue		
60. Iraq**	3 January 1976	E/1984/6/Add.3 and 8 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.8 and 11)	E/1980/6/Add.14 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.12)	E/1982/3/Add.26 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.3-4)		E/1986/4/Add.3 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.8 and 11)	E/1980/7/Add.15 (E/C.12/1994/ SR.11 and 14)
61. Ireland	8 March 1990	Overdue					
62. Israel	3 January 1992	Overdue					
63 Italy****	15 December 1978	E/1978/8/Add.34 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.3-4)	E/1980/6/Add.31 and 36 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.3 and 5)		E/1990/6/Add.2 (E/C.12/1992/SR.13, 14 and 21)		
64. Jamaica	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.27 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.20)	E/1986/3/Add.12 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.10-12 and 15)	E/1988/5/Add.3 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.10-12 and 15)	E/1984/7/Add.30 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.10-12 and 15)	Overdue	

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		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
65. Japan	21 September 1979	E/1984/6/Add.6 and Corr.1 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.9-10)	E/1986/3/Add.4 and Corr.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.20-21 and 23)	E/1982/3/Add.7 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.12-13)	Overdue		
66. Jordan	3 January 1976	E/1984/6/Add.15 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.6-8)	E/1986/3/Add.6 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.8)	E/1982/3/Add.38/ Rev.1 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.30-32)	Overdue		
67. Kenya	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.18					
68. Kyrgyzstan	7 January 1995	Due on 30 June 1997					
69. Latvia	14 July 1992	Overdue					
70. Lebanon	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.16 (E/C.12/1993/SR.14, 16 and 21)			Overdue		
71. Lesotho	9 December 1992	Overdue					
72. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.26 (Pending consideration)		E/1982/3/Add.6 and 25 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.16-17)			
73. Lithuania	20 February 1992	Overdue					
74. Luxembourg	18 November 1983	E/1990/5/Add.1 (E/C.12/1990/SR.33-36)			E/1990/6/Add.9 (Pending consideration)		

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		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
75. Madagascar	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.29 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.2)	E/1980/6/Add.39 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.2-3 and 5)	Overdue	E/1984/7/Add.19 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.14 and 18)	Overdue	Overdue
76. Malawi	22 March 1994	Overdue					
77. Mali	3 January 1976	Overdue					
78. Malta	13 December 1990	Overdue					
79. Mauritius	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.21 (E/C.12/1995/SR.40, 41 and 43)			Overdue		
80. Mexico	23 June 1981	E/1984/6/Add.2 and 10 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.24, 26 and 28)	E/1986/3/Add.13 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.6, 7 and 9)	E/1982/3/Add.8 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.14-15)	E/1990/6/Add.4 (E/C.12/1993/SR.32-35 and 49)		
81. Moldova	26 March 1993	Overdue					
82. Mongolia*	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.6 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.7)	E/1980/6/Add.7 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.8-9)	E/1982/3/Add.11 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.15-16)	E/1984/7/Add.6 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.16 and 18)	E/1986/4/Add.9 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.5 and 7)	Overdue
83. Morocco	3 August 1979	E/1990/5/Add.13 (E/C.12/1994/SR.8-10)			Overdue		
84. Namibia	28 February 1995	Due on 30 June 1997					
85. Nepal	14 August 1991	Overdue					

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
86. Netherlands	11 March 1979	E/1984/6/Add.14 and 20 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.5-6) (E/C.12/1989/ SR.14-15)	E/1980/6/Add.33 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.4-6 and 8)	E/1982/3/Add.35 and 44 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.14 and 18) (E/C.12/1989/ SR.14-15)	E/1990/6/Add.11 E/1990/6/Add.12 (Pending consideration)	E/1986/4/Add.24 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.14-15)	E/1990/6/Add.13 (Pending consideration)
87. New Zealand	28 March 1979	E/1990/5/Add.5, E/1990/5/Add.11 and E/1990/5/Add.12 (E/C.12/1993/SR.24, 25, 26 and 40)			Overdue		
88. Nicaragua	12 June 1980	E/1984/6/Add.9 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.16-17 and 19)	E/1986/3/Add.15 (E/C.12/1993/ SR.27, 28 and 46)	E/1982/3/Add.31 and Corr.1 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.15)	Overdue		
89. Niger	7 June 1986	Overdue					
90. Nigeria	29 October 1993	E/1990/5/Add.31 (Pending consideration)					
91. Norway**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.12 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.5)	E/1980/6/Add.5 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.14)	E/1982/3/Add.12 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.16)	E/1984/7/Add.16 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.19 and 22)	E/1986/4/Add.21 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.14-15)	E/1990/7/Add.7 (E/C.12/1992/ SR.4, 5 and 12)
92. Panama	8 June 1977	E/1984/6/Add.19 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.3, 5 and 8)	E/1980/6/Add.20 and 23 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.5)	E/1988/5/Add.9 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.3, 5 and 8)	Overdue	E/1986/4/Add.22 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.3, 5 and 8)	Overdue
93. Paraguay	10 September 1992	E/1990/5/Add.23 (E/C.12/1996/SR.1, 2 and 4)					
94. Peru	28 July 1978	E/1984/6/Add.5 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.11 and 18)	E/1990/5/Add.29 (Pending consideration)				

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
95. Philippines	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.4 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.11)	E/1986/3/Add.17 (E/C.12/1995/ SR.11, 12 and 14)	E/1988/5/Add.2 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.8-9 and 11)	E/1984/7/Add.4 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.15 and 20)	Overdue	
96. Poland	18 June 1977	E/1978/8/Add.23 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.18-19)	E/1980/6/Add.12 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.11)	E/1982/3/Add.21 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.9-10)	E/1984/7/Add.26 and 27 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.25-27)	E/1986/4/Add.12 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.5-6)	E/1990/7/Add.9 (E/C.12/1992/ SR.6, 7 and 15)
97. Portugal	31 October 1978		E/1980/6/Add.35/ Rev.1 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.2 and 4)	E/1982/3/Add.27/ Rev.1 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.6 and 9)	E/1990/6/Add.6 (E/C.12/1995/SR.7, 8, 10) E/1990/6/Add.8 (Macao) (Pending consideration)		
98. Republic of Korea	10 July 1990	E/1990/5/Add.19 (E/C.12/1995/SR.3, 4, 6)			Due on 30 June 1997		
99. Romania*	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.20 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.16-17)	E/1980/6/Add.1 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.5)	E/1982/3/Add.13 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.17-18)	E/1984/7/Add.17 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.10 and 13)	E/1986/4/Add.17 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.6)	E/1990/7/Add.14 (E/C.12/1994/ SR.5, 7 and 13)
100. Russian Federation**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.16 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.14)	E/1980/6/Add.17 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.14-15)	E/1982/3/Add.1 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.11-12)	E/1984/7/Add.7 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.9-10)	E/1986/4/Add.14 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.16-18)	E/1990/7/Add.8 (withdrawn)
101. Rwanda	3 January 1976	E/1984/6/Add.4 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.10 and 12)	E/1986/3/Add.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.16 and 19)	E/1982/3/Add.42 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.10-12)	E/1984/7/Add.29 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.10-12)	Overdue	Overdue
102. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	9 February 1982	Overdue					
103. San Marino	18 January 1986	Overdue					

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
104. Senegal	13 May 1978	E/1984/6/Add.22 (E/C.12/1993/ SR.37, 38 and 49)	E/1980/6/Add.13/ Rev.1 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.11)	E/1982/3/Add.17 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.14-16)	Overdue		
105. Seychelles	5 August 1982	Overdue					
106. Slovakia	28 May 1993	Overdue					
107. Slovenia	6 July 1992	Overdue					
108. Solomon Islands	17 March 1982	Overdue					
109. Somalia	24 April 1990	Overdue					
110. Spain	27 July 1977	E/1978/8/Add.26 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.20)	E/1980/6/Add.28 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.7)	E/1982/3/Add.22 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.10-11)	E/1984/7/Add.2 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.12 and 14)	E/1986/4/Add.6 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.10 and 13)	E/1990/7/Add.3 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.13, 14, 16 and 22)
111. Sri Lanka	11 September 1980	E/1990/5/Add.32 (Pending consideration)					
112. Sudan	18 June 1986	Overdue					
113. Suriname	28 March 1977	E/1990/5/Add.20 (E/C.12/1995/SR.13, 15, 16)			Overdue		
114. Sweden**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.5 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.15)	E/1980/6/Add.8 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.9)	E/1982/3/Add.2 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.19-20)	E/1984/7/Add.5 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.14 and 16)	E/1986/4/Add.13 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.10-11)	E/1990/7/Add.2 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.11-13 and 18)
115. Switzerland	18 September 1992	E/1990/5/Add.33 (Pending consideration)					

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
116. Syrian Arab Republic*	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.25 and 31 (E/1983/WG.1/SR.2)	E/1980/6/Add.9 (E/1981/WG.1/SR.4)		E/1990/6/Add.1 (E/C.12/1991/SR.7, 9 and 11)		
117. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	17 September 1991	Overdue					
118. Togo	24 August 1984	Overdue					
119. Trinidad and Tobago	8 March 1979	E/1984/6/Add.21 E/1986/3/Add.11 E/1988/5/Add.1 (E/C.12/1989/SR.17-19)			Overdue		
120. Tunisia	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.3 (E/1980/WG.1/SR.5-6)	E/1986/3/Add.9 (E/C.12/1989/SR.9)		Overdue		
121. Uganda	21 April 1987	Overdue					
122. Ukraine**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.22 (E/1980/WG.1/SR.18)	E/1980/6/Add.24 (E/1982/WG.1/SR.5-6)	E/1982/3/Add.4 (E/1982/WG.1/SR.11-12)	E/1984/7/Add.9 (E/1984/WG.1/SR.13-15)	E/1986/4/Add.5 (E/C.12/1987/SR.9-11)	E/1990/7/Add.11 (withdrawn)
123. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	20 August 1976	E/1978/8/Add.9 and 30 (E/1980/WG.1/SR.19 and E/1982/WG.1/SR.1)	E/1980/6/Add.16 and Corr.1, Add.25 and Corr.1 and Add.26 (E/1981/WG.1/SR.16-17)	E/1982/3/Add.16 (E/1982/WG.1/SR.19-21)	E/1984/7/Add.20 (E/1985/WG.1/SR.14 and 17)	E/1986/4/Add.23 (E/C.12/1989/SR.16-17) E/1986/4/Add.27 E/1986/4/28 E/C.12/1994/SR.33, 34, 36, 37	E/1990/7/Add.16 E/C.12/1994/SR.33, 34, 36 and 37

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
124. United Republic of Tanzania	11 September 1976	Overdue	E/1980/6/Add.2 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.5)	Overdue			
125. Uruguay	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.7(E/C.12/1994/SR.3,4,6 and 13)			E/1990/6/Add.10 (Pending consideration)		
126. Uzbekistan	28 December 1995	Due on 30 June 1997					
127. Venezuela	10 August 1978	E/1984/6/Add.1 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.7-8 and 10)	E/1980/6/Add.38 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.2 and 5)	E/1982/3/Add.33 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.12, 17 and 18)	Overdue		
128. Viet Nam	24 December 1982	E/1990/5/Add.10 (E/C.12/1993/SR.9-11 and 19)			Overdue		
129. Yemen	9 May 1987	Overdue					
130. Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.35 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.4-5)	E/1980/6/Add.30 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.3)	E/1982/3/Add.39 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.14-15)	E/1984/7/Add.10 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.16 and 18)	Overdue	Overdue
131. Zaire	1 February 1977	E/1984/6/Add.18 E/1986/3/Add.7 E/1982/3/Add.41 (E/C.12/1988/SR.16-19)			Overdue		
132. Zambia	10 July 1984	Overdue	E/1986/3/Add.2 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.4-5 and 7)	Overdue			
133. Zimbabwe	13 August 1991	E/1990/5/Add.28 (Pending consideration)					

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* Third periodic report, which was due on 30 June 1994, has not yet been received.

** Third periodic report of Sweden (E/1994/104/Add.1) was considered at the twelfth session (E/C.12/1995/SR.13/Add.1, 15/Add.1 and 16); third periodic report of Colombia (E/1994/104/Add.2) was considered at the thirteenth session (E/C.12/1995/SR.32, 33 and 35); third periodic report of Norway (E/1994/104/Add.3) was considered at the thirteenth session (E/C.12/1995/SR.34, 36, 37); third periodic report of Ukraine (E/1994/104/Add.4) was considered at the thirteenth session (E/C.12/1995/SR.42, 44 and 45); third periodic report of Spain (E/1994/104/Add.5) was considered at the fourteenth session (E/C.12/1996/SR.3, 5-7); third periodic report of Belarus was received on 15 June 1995 (E/1994/104/Add.6); third periodic report of Finland was received on 2 May 1995 (E/1994/104/Add.7); third periodic report of the Russian Federation was received on 31 July 1995 (E/1994/104/Add.8); third periodic report of Iraq was received on 15 December 1995 (E/1994/104/Add.9); third periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Hong Kong was received on 24 January 1996 (E/1994/104/Add.10).

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Third periodic report of Cyprus was received on 31 April 1996 (E/1994/104/Add.12); third periodic report of Germany was received on 3 July 1996 (E/1994/104/Add.14); third periodic report of Poland was received on 7 June 1996 (E/1994/104/Add.13); third periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was received on 22 February 1996 (E/1994/104/Add.11).

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SUBMISSION OF REPORTS BY STATES PARTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES 16 AND 17 OF THE COVENANT

Follow-up to the consideration of reports under article 16 of the Covenant

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its fourteenth session, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, recognizing the importance of periodically reviewing the implementation by States parties of its suggestions and recommendations, requested the Secretariat to submit to it, as from the fifteenth session, a document indicating all cases where a follow-up had been suggested by the Committee.

2. The information requested by the Committee is to be found in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

FOLLOW-UP TO THE CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE STATES PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
(status as at 20 August 1996)

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
Guinea	Without report E/C.12/1996/SR.17, 22 E/C.12/1/Add.5	The Committee reiterates its request that the Government of Guinea actively participate in a constructive dialogue with the Committee on how the obligations arising from the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights can be fulfilled in a more adequate manner. It calls to the Government's attention the fact that the Covenant creates a legal obligation for all States parties to submit periodic reports and that Guinea has been in breach of this obligation for many years (concluding observations, para. 25).		

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		The Committee recommends that the Government of Guinea avails itself of the advisory services of the Centre for Human Rights of the United Nations in order to enable it to submit as soon as possible a comprehensive report on the implementation of the Covenant in conformity with the revised general guidelines adopted by the Committee in 1990 (E/C.12/1991/1) and with particular emphasis on the issues raised and concerns expressed in the concluding observations (concluding observations, para. 26). The Committee also encourages the Centre for Human Rights to make available, through its programme of advisory services and technical assistance, expert assistance to States for the purpose of formulating policies on economic, social and cultural rights, and developing the implementation of coherent and comprehensive plans of action for the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as developing adequate means of evaluating and monitoring their realization (concluding observations, para. 27).		

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
El Salvador	E/1990/5/Add.25 E/C.12/1996/SR.15, 16, 18 E/C.12/1/Add.4	Further information is requested on articles 6 to 8 and 15 of the Covenant, as well as on any problems encountered in this regard (concluding observations, para. 36).	31 Oct. 1996	
		Information is requested on the activities of the Office of the Procurator for the Defence of Human Rights, in particular on how much weight its recommendations carry and on the action taken on complaints it files with regard to violations of economic, social and cultural rights; information enabling the Committee to evaluate the extent to which the members of indigenous communities enjoy all the economic, social and cultural rights provided for in the Covenant (concluding observations, paras. 28 and 35).	Next report	
		The proposal of the Centre for Human Rights concerning technical cooperation should be given favourable consideration and such assistance used to guarantee the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights by all (concluding observations, para. 39).		

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
Paraguay	E/1990/5/Add.23 E/C.12/1996/ SR.1, 2, 4 E/C.12/1/Add.1	The Committee requests the State party to provide it with written replies to the unanswered questions from the list of issues (concluding observations, para. 32) The next report should fill in the information gaps identified during the consideration of the initial report by the Committee (i.e. detailed information on the full implementation of legislative and administrative measures relating to prevention and enforcement in respect of safe and healthy working conditions; cases in which the Covenant has been invoked in the courts) (concluding observations, para. 32)	31 Oct. 1996 30 June 1999	